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memorandum of conversation

Date: May 3, 1962

Time: 1 pm 3:35 pm Place: Ambassador's Residence

DEPARIMENT OF STATE A/CDC/A/R Participants:

United States Secretary Rusk

Mr. Kohler

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Foreign Minister Schroeder

Mr. Carstens

Subject: Berlin and Germany

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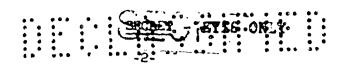
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The pre-lunch conversation opened with a thorough discussion of the leaks of the US proposals to the Soviets in Bonn. Views were exchanged along well-known lines and it was agreed that while there were possible theories as to the source and motivation of the leaks, nothing could be definitely established and the question should be regarded as closed. III

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The Secretary them reviewed in broad terms his discussions with Gromyko and Delignate. He said he thought that there was some misunderstanding with respect to the broad questions included in the US Draft Principles paper. He pointed out that there had been no real discussion of these broader questions with the Russians. The Secretary had rather emphasized the question of vital interests and indicated that is agreement could be reached on these, then these broader questions could easily fall total place. The idea of setting up a continuing forum of Deputy Foreign Ministers was really calculated to give the Soviets a way out -- a cover under which they could if they wished drop their proposals or at least allow them to fade away.

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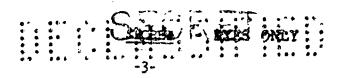
I The Secretary them continued to say that it was absolutely fundamental to the US-position that there would be no Berlin or German arrangement without the Federal Government's concurrence. It was conceivable that the European countries could reach some kind of settlement without the United States but it was not conceivable that the United States could reach a settlement without the Buropeans.

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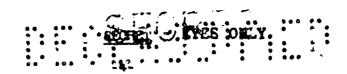
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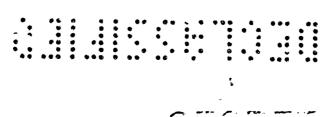


The meeting then adjourned to the salon. At the Secretary's request Mr. Kohler gave the Foreign Minister a rundown on Dr. Erentano's talks with the President and with himself. Some discussion then emsued as to the press treatment of German attitudes.

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At the close of the discussion it was agreed that both sides would say to the press something along the following lines: The Secretary of State and the German Foreign Minister had met for a full review of the discussions with the Russians and would continue their discussions with the British and French Foreign Ministers this evening. These discussions would of course be reported to NATO. There was no doubt that further discussions between the US and the USSR would be on a basis of agreed positions which started from the well known and vital interests of the West in West Berlin.



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